

Atty. Dkt. No. PREC-1-22226

REMARKS

This reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 23, 2009 in which claims 31-36 and 38-51 were allowed; and in which claims 16 and 18-30 were rejected. With this response, the application is amended so as to place the entire application in condition for allowance. In particular, claim 41 is canceled; claims 16 and 42 are amended; and claims 52-91 are added. Claims 16, 18-40 and 42-91 are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

I. Rejection of Claims 16 and 18-30 under 35 USC 102(e) Based upon Watterson et al.

Page 2 of the Office Action rejected claims 16 and 18-30 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Watterson et al. US Patent Publication 2002/0022551. Page 3 of the Office Action indicated that claim 41 was allowable. With this response, claim 41 is canceled with its limitations incorporated into base claim 16. Accordingly, claim 16 is believed to overcome the rejection based upon Watterson et al. Claims 18-30 depend from claim 16 and overcome the rejection for at least the same reasons.

II. Added Claims

With this response, claims 52-91 are added. Claims 52-91 are believed to be patentably distinct over the prior art of record.

Page 3 of the Office Action indicated that claims 38-51 were allowable. With this response, allowed claims 38, 39, 40 and 43 are rewritten in independent form as added claims 52, 62, 72 and 82, respectfully. Added claims 53-61, 63-71, 73-81 and 83-91 depend from claims 52, 62, 72 and 82, respectfully, and correspond to former dependent claims 18-26. No new matter is believed to be added. Accordingly, claims 52-91 are presented for consideration and allowance.

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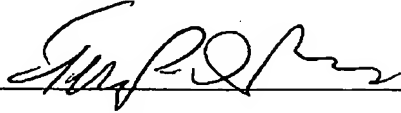
III. Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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